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RE: Comments on the Microsoft Proposed Settlement Agreement

Dear Ms. Hesse:

The case of United States v. Microsoft has been a challenge and an opportunity for both the high tech industry and the American consumer. New and innovative solutions for resolving such a dispute were paramount in coming to a settlement. The continuation of sanctions on Microsoft to foster greater competition in the software industry, as well as allowing Microsoft to remain a viable company has resulted in a benefit for the consumer as well as for the industry. Protecting the consumer and encouraging the creation of new and effective products is always essential in a healthy free economy.

The settlement that the United States has negotiated with Microsoft is in our nation's best interest. It comes at a critical time in our economic recovery when our nation needs more reconciliation than confrontation.

I am encouraged by the action of the Department of Justice and support the efforts to settle this case.

Very truly yours,

SALVATORE F. DIMASI
Majority Leader
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